

His Majesties

MOST GRACIOUS

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To both HOUSES of

PARLIAMENT.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Have Appointed this Meeting of the Parliament, as soon as ever the Affairs abroad would admit of My Return into England, that you might have the more time to Consider of the Best and most Effectual Ways and Means for the carrying on of the War against France this next Year.

I am willing to hope, that the good Success, with which it hath pleased God to bless My Arms in Ireland this Summer, will not only be a great Encouragement to you to proceed the more chearfully in this Work, but will be lookt upon by you as an Earnest of future Successes, Which your timely Assistance to Me, may, by Gods blessing, procure to Us all. And as I do not doubt, but you will take care to Pay the Arrears of that Army, which hath been so Deserving, and so Prosperous in the Reducement of Ireland to a peaceable Condition; So I do assure you, there shall

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no Care be wanting on my Part, to keep that Kingdom
as far as it is possible, from being burdensome to
England for the future.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I do not doubt, but you are all sensible, that it will
be necessary, We should have a strong Fleet next Year,
and as early at Sea as We had this Summer. And I
must tell you, That the great Power of France will
as necessarily require, that We should Maintain a
very Considerable Army, ready upon all Occasions,
not only to Defend Our Selves from any Insult, but
also to Annoy the Common Enemy, where it may be
most Sensible to them. And I do not see how it is pos-
sible to do this, with less then Sixty five thousand Men.

I shall only add, That by the Vigour and Dispatch
of your Counsels and Assistance to Me in this Session
of Parliament, you have now an Opportunity in your
Hands, which, if neglected, you can never reasonably
hope to see again, not only to Establish the future Quiet
and Prosperity of these Kingdoms, but the Peace and
Security of all Europe.

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On Tuesday the Eleventh Day of February, 1700.



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